



SD VETERINARY MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD

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Minutes

SD Veterinary Medical Examining Board

Tuesday, August 18, 2026

Best Western Plus Ramkota Hotel & Conference Center

Conference Room #3

Sioux Falls, South Dakota

A meeting of the SD Veterinary Medical Examining Board (the Board) was called to order at 10:00 AM CST by Board President Dr. Alice Harty.

Present were Board Members: Dr. Alice Harty, Dr. John Bode, and Carter Johnson. Also attending were Dr. Mendel Miller, State Veterinarian and Executive Director of the Board, and Legal Counsel Drew Duncan. As well as Dr. Tammy Anderson, Assistant State Veterinarian & Cheyenne Olson. Dr. Joseph Spoo was absent.

The agenda for the meeting was unanimously approved by those present upon motion by Carter Johnson and seconded by Dr. Bode.

Minutes of the January 23, 2026 Board meeting were unanimously approved by those present upon motion by Dr. Bode and seconded by Carter Johnson.

Dr. Miller presented the financial report showing total actual expenditure of \$65,625.41 for fiscal year 2026. There was a discussion of other items in the financial report. The financial report was approved unanimously by those present with a motion by Dr. Bode, seconded by Carter Johnson.

Dr. Miller informed the Board members that the Joint Powers Agreement with the Animal Industry Board will continue per the Agreement language. The Joint Powers Agreement was approved unanimously by those present with a motion by Carter Johnson, seconded by Dr. Bode.

President Harty opened the floor for nominations of officers. Dr. Bode nominated Dr. Harty for President of the Board; the motion was seconded by Carter Johnson. There were no other nominations. The motion passed unanimously by those present. Carter Johnson nominated Dr. Bode for Vice-President of the Board; the motion was seconded by Dr. Harty. There were no other nominations. The motion passed unanimously by those present.

The Board commenced review of open cases:

Case #0248 This case is ongoing and will remain open.

Case #0251 Carter Johnson made a Motion, seconded by Dr. Bode to appoint an Investigatory Committee of Drew Duncan and Dr. Bode. The Motion passed unanimously, the Investigatory Committee will report findings and recommendations at the next regularly scheduled Board meeting.

Case #0252 Carter Johnson made a Motion, seconded by Dr. Bode to appoint an Investigatory Committee of Drew Duncan and Dr. Bode. The Motion passed unanimously, the Investigatory Committee will report findings and recommendations at the next regularly scheduled Board meeting.

Case #0253 Dr. Bode made a Motion, seconded by Carter Johnson to appoint an Investigatory Committee of Drew Duncan and Carter Johnson. The Motion passed unanimously, the Investigatory Committee will report findings and recommendations at the next regularly scheduled Board meeting.

Case #0254 Dr. Bode made a Motion, seconded by Carter Johnson to appoint an Investigatory Committee of Drew Duncan and Dr. Harty. The Motion passed unanimously, the Investigatory Committee will report findings and recommendations at the next regularly scheduled Board meeting.

Case #0255 Dr. Bode made a Motion, seconded by Carter Johnson to appoint an Investigatory Committee of Dr. Miller and Dr. Spoo. The Motion passed unanimously, the Investigatory Committee will report findings and recommendations at the next regularly scheduled Board meeting.

Case #0256 Dr. Bode made a Motion, seconded by Carter Johnson to appoint an Investigatory Committee of Drew Duncan and Carter Johnson. The Motion passed unanimously, the Investigatory Committee will report findings and recommendations at the next regularly scheduled Board meeting.

Case #0257 Carter Johnson made a Motion, seconded by Dr. Bode to appoint an Investigatory Committee of Drew Duncan and Dr. Spoo. The Motion passed unanimously, the Investigatory Committee will report findings and recommendations at the next regularly scheduled Board meeting.

Other Business:

Dr. Harty called for public comment; there were no comments.

Dr. Harty called for additional staff comments and Board comments. None were given.

Suggestions for new board members to fill the open position in November were given. No action was taken.

AAVSB Annual Meeting & Conference will be held September 23 – 26th 2026 in Providence Rhode Island.

SDVMA will be looking at the South Dakota Veterinary Practice Act with possible changes in the 2028 legislative session. More information on that topic will be forthcoming after the 2027 legislative session.

Upon Motion by Dr. Bode seconded by Carter Johnson the Board adjourned at 10:55 AM CST.

Dr. Alice Harty, President
SD Veterinary Medical Examining Board

Dr. Mendel Miller, Executive Director
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